

The **Good News** that John Wrote

***...that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of
God, and that believing you
may have life in his name.***

John 20.31

Life in the Spirit

Objectives of the Class

- To behold in our hearts the glory of Christ
- To participate more deeply in life in the Spirit
- To become more conformed to His image

Prayer Before Reading Scripture

Shine within our hearts, loving Master, the pure light of Your divine knowledge and open the eyes of our minds that we may comprehend the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us also reverence for Your blessed commandments, so that having conquered all sinful desires, we may pursue a spiritual life, thinking and doing all those things that are pleasing to You. For You, Christ our God, are the light of our souls and bodies, and to You we give glory together with Your Father who is without beginning and Your all holy, good, and life giving Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Watch
John 5.1-15

Study

John 5.1-15

John 5.1-2 After this, Jesus went to Jerusalem for a religious festival. Near the Sheep Gate in Jerusalem there is a pool with five porches; in Hebrew it is called Bethzatha. (GNB)

1. What festival did Jesus go to Jerusalem for?
2. Where in Jerusalem was the Sheep gate and this pool? (ἐπὶ τῇ προβατικῇ κολυμβήθρα)

Places Referred To In This Passage

- Pool of Bethesda, Sheep's Gate



John 5.3-4 A large crowd of sick people were lying on the porches—the blind, the lame, and the paralyzed, *waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.* (GNB, vs 4 KJV)

1. What happened to verse 4? The Patriarchal Greek New Testament vs. the Nestle-Aland.
2. What is this a foreshadowing of?

John 5.5-7 A man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. Jesus saw him lying there, and he knew that the man had been sick for such a long time; so he asked him, “Do you want to get well?” The sick man answered, “Sir, I don’t have anyone here to put me in the pool when the water is stirred up; while I am trying to get in, somebody else gets there first.” (GNB)

1. What is amazing about this man?
2. Why did Jesus ask him if he wanted to get well?

John 5.8-9b Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your mat, and walk.” Immediately the man got well; he picked up his mat and started walking.
(GNB)

1. Why did Jesus tell him to pick up his mat and walk?

John 5.9c-10 The day this happened was a Sabbath, so the Jewish authorities told the man who had been healed, “This is a Sabbath, and it is against our Law for you to carry your mat.” (GNB)

1. Where in the Old Testament was it forbidden to carry things on the Sabbath?

John 5.11-13 He answered, “The man who made me well told me to pick up my mat and walk.” They asked him, “Who is the man who told you to do this?” But the man who had been healed did not know who Jesus was, for there was a crowd in that place, and Jesus had slipped away. (GNB)

John 5.14-15 Afterward, Jesus found him in the Temple and said, “Listen, you are well now; so stop sinning or something worse may happen to you.” Then the man left and told the Jewish authorities that it was Jesus who had healed him. (GNB)

1. What is significant about the man being in the Temple?
2. What is significant about “Listen, you are well now?”
3. Are sicknesses and illnesses always caused by sin?
4. What is the “something worse” that could happen to him?